

N THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

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: EXAMINER: ROSE

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FOR: COMPOSITE SHEET AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 16, 2002, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group II, Claims 12-13, 18-26, 30-38, 47 and 56, for further prosecution.

REMARKS

The Office has restricted this application as follows under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I:

Claims 1-11, 14-17, 27-29, 39-46 and 48-55, drawn to a semiconductor

device; and

Group II:

Claims 12-13, 18-26, 30-38, 47 and 56, drawn to a method of making a

semiconductor device.

Applicants have elected Group II, Claims 12-13, 18-26, 30-38, 47 and 56, with traverse.

The Office has characterized the relationship between Groups II and I as "process of making and product made." Citing MPEP §806.05(f), the Office suggests that the product can be made by another and a materially different process, such as "thermal annealing"

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